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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 19 November 1968

DD/I drew attention to a telegram from General Abrams arguing that the enemy is sending supplies southward at an impressive rate and requesting relief in the limitation on the number of reconnaissance flights that may be flown over North Vietnam.

DD/I noted yesterday's Wall Street Journal piece on the inroads being made by the Soviet merchant marine in world shipping. DD/I is preparing an update of its own study on this problem.

DD/I provided the Director a note prepared by Bruce Clarke for Peter Jessup on the current status of forces in Czechoslovakia.

Godfrey advised of the military coup in Mali.

DD/S called attention to the 14 November Washington Star article which discusses the growth in recent years of the United States presence overseas and the BALPA exercise and quotes an unnamed official who claims that various agencies are circumventing the BALPA-imposed personnel ceilings by extensively utilizing TDY's. It was noted that the Bureau of the Budget and State were required by the White House to prepare papers on the implications of the Star article and that the net effect may be to make selective relief from the BALPA ceiling even more difficult.

DD/S briefed on the charter and work of the Employee Cafeteria Committee and noted that cafeteria operations appear to be in better shape.

Carver advised that a memorandum was prepared in response to Walt Rostow's request for comments on recent statistics concerning Saigon's control of the South Vietnamese population.

25X1 Maury advised that Senator Hollings is paying a brief visit to Berlin [redacted] Congressman Lipscomb is traveling through Southern Europe and has requested a briefing [redacted]

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DD/P advised that a paper summarizing recent reporting on Cuba was sent to Peter Jessup for Walt Rostow, who had expressed some anxiety concerning Cuban intentions to export revolution.

DD/P reported our intention to invite [redacted] to lecture on the subject of "Soviet Man" to the SB Division operations course.

DD/P drew attention to a report which has just been published on the tightening of internal security measures in China.

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L. K. White

*Last sentence extracted for DD/S&T